World Bank assisted Forestry Project

†2015. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4341, given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 2001 and state :

(a) the number of districts of Uttaranchal covered under the bifurcated World Bank assisted Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project and the groups of villages in which the schemes have been introduced, along with the details of Public co-operation ; and

(b) the distract-wise, number of villagers benefited so for as daily wagers and the details of expendiutre incurred against the allocations made in 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU) : (a) The World Bank assisted Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project covers all the 13 districts of Uttaranchal. A total of 1217 Village Forest Committees have been constituted in Uttaranchal under the joint forest management component of the Project. For capacity building of the members of these committees number of training programmes have been organised. The Forest areas are managed jointly by these committees along with Forest Department as per approved microplan. The Village Forest Committees are empowered for usufruct distribution amongst its members. They are also entitled to 50 per cent of revenue realised from the sale of forest produce.

(b) A total expenditure of Rs. 28.97 crores was incurred in various districts of Uttaranchal during the year 2000-2001 and 33.34 lakhs mandays were generated.

Schemes to clear Badrinath and Devprayag

†2016. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4331, given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 2001 and state :

: (a) the results of expenditure incurred by the Uttaranchal Government on pollution abatement works in ten towns of the State, from the point of view of pollution control ;

(b) whether the works accomplished in hilly suburbs, from Badrinath to Devprayag and in Uttarkashi in Uttaranchal could be treated as completed ; if

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